

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 04-064, National Grid/Granite State Electric Company

DE 04-065, Public Service Company of New Hampshire

DE 04-066, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

DE 04-110, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:17, the entities listed above submitted their annual, updated long range plans for Bulk Power Supply Facilities for 2004. Pursuant to RSA 162-H:18, II, the Department of Environmental Services, on behalf of the Site Evaluation Committee, delegated to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission its authority to “review, comment upon and make public” long range plans for bulk power supply facilities.

Set forth below is a review and summary of the respective long range plans. The plans are consistent with the filing requirements of RSA 162-H:17 and, inasmuch as they are filed for informational purposes, no further action is contemplated by the Commission. To the extent any underlying substantive issues might arise, they will be addressed at the appropriate time in a relevant least cost resource plan proceeding before the Commission or site application proceeding before the Site Evaluation Committee as the facts and law dictate. Issuance of this Public- Notice does not constitute approval of any of the proposed- projects listed herein.

1. National Grid¹

- New England Power Company (NEP) does not anticipate developing any generation capacity installation of 30 megawatts (MW) or greater in New Hampshire within the next ten years.

¹ National Grid submitted its Annual Report on Long Range Plans for Bulk Power Facilities on behalf of Granite State Electric Company (GSEC), New England Power Company (NEP), New England Electric Transmission and New England Hydro-Transmission.

- Within the next ten years, NEP has tentative plans to build a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)-owned Scobie Pond substation in Londonderry, NH to the Massachusetts state line at Pelham, NH/Dracut, MA. A projected in-service date for this line had not been determined at the time of filing-; the need for the line is contingent upon system generation, load, and imports from outside of New England. This line is included in the NEPOOL Transmission System Project Listing, which is an appendix to ISO New England's 2002 Regional Transmission Expansion Plan. The line would be built along existing PSNH and NEP transmission rights-of-way for a distance of eighteen miles within the State of New Hampshire – approximately 10 miles along PSNH rights-of-way and approximately 8 miles along a NEP right-of-way. Presently, there are two 230 kV transmission lines along the entire 8 miles of the NEP right-of-way and one 115 kV line from Hudson, NH to the Massachusetts state line. The 115 kV line would be relocated within the existing right-of-way and the new 345 kV line would be constructed between the two 230 kV lines. The line would be jointly constructed and owned by NEP and PSNH. The start and finish dates will be coordinated with PSNH.

2. Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)

- PSNH stated that under RSA 162-H:17, III, it is exempt from filing long range plans with respect to generating facilities, because competition has been certified to exist pursuant to RSA 38:36 in PSNH's service territory.

- PSNH has tentative plans to construct a 36.4 mile, 115 kV transmission line from Deerfield to Laconia of which 18.9 miles will be along existing routes. PSNH possesses a Certificate of Site and Facility for this project; however, the construction schedule is undetermined.
- PSNH has plans to construct an 11.1 mile, 115 kV transmission line from Rochester to Lee in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to construct the line in 2004. This project was previously noticed in 2002 and 2003. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.
- PSNH has plans to upgrade an existing 6.0 mile, 115 kV transmission line from Londonderry to Manchester in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to upgrade the line in 2005. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.
- PSNH has plans to construct a 2.0 mile, 115 kV transmission line in Manchester in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to construct the line in 2005. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.
- PSNH has plans to construct a 3.0 mile, 115 kV transmission line in Manchester in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to construct the line in 2005. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.

- PSNH has plans to upgrade two 35.5 mile, 115 kV transmission lines from Londonderry to Portsmouth in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to upgrade the lines in 2006. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.
- PSNH has plans to construct a 33.0 mile, 115 kV transmission line from Milford to Troy in existing rights-of-way already occupied by one or more transmission lines. PSNH proposes to construct the line in 2007. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required.
- PSNH has plans to participate in a joint project from Londonderry to the Massachusetts state line with Granite State Electric Company. See Paragraph 1 above for details.
- PSNH has tentative plans to construct a 115 kV transmission line of undetermined length from Hooksett to Manchester. PSNH states an application for Certificate of Site and Facility is not required; however, the construction schedule is undetermined.

3. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES)

- UES does not anticipate the construction of any power generation with a capacity of 30 MW or larger in New Hampshire within the next ten years.
- UES does not anticipate building any transmission projects rated at or above 100 kV during the next ten to fifteen years.

4. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC)

- NHEC does not anticipate the construction of any power generation with a capacity of 30 MW or larger in New Hampshire within the next ten years.

- NHEC does not anticipate building any transmission projects rated at or above 100 kV during the next ten to fifteen years.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

The subject 2004 filings are available for public inspection at the office of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC), 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. Its normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The general switchboard number at the NHPUC is (603) 271-2431.

Dated this twentieth day of August 2004.

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Executive Director and Secretary

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